

“Praise the Lord, Our Deliverer”

Psalm 9

Central Idea: We should trust and praise God who delivers us

Background:

- Song of praise and thanksgiving to God written by David

I. Praise for Past Deliverance (1-12)

- David's Intentions of Praise (1-2)
 - He will praise God with all of his being
 - Using both his words and his actions
 - Based on his relationship with God, not a sense of duty
- Three Things David Praises God For:
 - Victory over his enemies (3-6)
 - Goal in detailing his enemy's defeat is to honor God
 - These actions are the cause of his praise and delight
 - “You have...” - shows these are past actions
 - The Lord has completely wiped out David's enemies
 - His righteous judgement (7-8)
 - In contrast to the forgotten enemies, God reigns forever
 - Because He judges with equity, anyone can come to Him and find justice
 - His protection of His people (9-10)
 - God is a refuge for those oppressed and in trouble
 - Knowledge of this brings trust in Him
 - Since He has not forsaken those who seek Him
 - God will never forsake them (Deut 31:6, Heb 13:5)
- David's Instruction to Praise (11-12)
 - Encourages the people, especially the afflicted and oppressed, to praise God and tell of His care for them.

II. Prayer for Future Deliverance (13-20)

- Appeal for God's Grace (13-14)
 - David wants God to defend him like He's done before
 - This will give David even more reason to praise
 - David says God lifted him from the gates of death to the gates of Jerusalem, where he rejoices
 - David sees this as the reason God saved him
 - Believers are in a similar situation (Col 1:13-14)
- Confidence in God's Justice (15-18)
 - David expects his enemy's evil to return to them
 - As he has seen the Lord do before
 - The wicked are contrasted with the needy
 - The wicked forget God and are hopeless
 - The needy trust God and their hope is realized
 - Trusting God gives a “sure and steadfast hope” (Heb 6:19)
- Prayer for God's Judgement (19-20)
 - David asks for the nations to be judged and defeated
 - He wants God to remind the wicked of their mortality by showing His power in judgment

Application:

- Acknowledge God's goodness in some area each day
- Notice God's goodness; Thank Him; Share it with someone
- When trouble comes, take it to the Lord

Discussion Questions:

- Where do you see Jesus in this psalm?
- How does what God has done inform your trust in Him?
- Why is it important that we rejoice in our salvation like David?
- What can you thank and praise God for this week?